

**City of Evansville Historic Preservation Commission
Regular Meeting
Wednesday January 19, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.
City Hall (Third Floor), 31 South Madison Street**

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order.** Stephans called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm
2. **Roll Call:**

Members	Present/Absent	Others Present
Chair Dan Stephans	P	Colette Spranger, Comm. Development Dir. Jason Sergeant, City Administrator
Vice-chair Gene Lewis	P	James Schoenenberger, Resident
Steve Culbertson	P	Casey Miller, Applicant
Katie Sacker	P	Sue Berg, Tourism Comm. Member
Vacant	-	
Cheryl Doerfer	P	
Steve Christens	P	

3. **Motion to approve the agenda by Christens, seconded by Culbertson. Motion carried unanimously.**
4. **Motion to waive the reading of the minutes from the December 15, 2021 meeting and approve them as printed by Christens, seconded by Lewis. Motion carried unanimously.**
5. **Civility Reminder.** Stephans noted the City's commitment to civil discourse.
6. **Citizen appearances and Public Presentations.**
 - A. **Schoenenberger**
James Schoenenberger appeared to present changes and seek approval from the commission on his application, HPC-2021-26. The minor changes made to the front façade design were reviewed and accepted by the commission.
 - B. **Sue Berg – Tourism Commission**
 - i. **Downtown Murals** – Berg discussed the prospective murals on Main St and the process of the project and drumming up interest with building owners and artists.
 - ii. **Historic Walking Guide** – Updates were given by the commission on the creation of an updated historic walking guide for the district.
7. **Applications – Action Items:**
 - A. **433 S First – Demolition of Carriage House (HPC-2022-0006)**

Applicant Casey Miller present. Miller discussed the condition of the carriage house having a significant lean, leaning against carriage house in neighboring property. Miller also advised State Farm will not insure the carriage house and recommended demo at time of purchase. The history of the carriage house was discussed including that the garage door was made to replicate the original carriage house built by Benjamin Hoxie. Miller advised he didn't know what he would do to replace the carriage house and commissioners explained rules for maintaining historic character of the district. **Motion to table the application by Culbertson, seconded by Sacker. Motion carried.**

B. 433 S First – Replace Windows, Siding (HPC-2022-0007)

Applicant Casey Miller present. Miller explained the condition of the windows. Miller stated he had not contacted a contractor with experience refurbishing historic wood windows. Commissioners explained how to find a contractor with that experience and advised that if such a contractor declared them unrepairable, then the windows could be replaced with like materials. **Motion to table the application by Christens, seconded by Culbertson. Motion carried.**

C. 32 W Main – Replace Windows, Chimney (HPC-2022-0014)

Applicant Anika Laube present. The commission discussed that it makes sense to replace the windows the match the others. Lewis and Stephens remember discussing the project at the last meeting and wanting to see a quote to replace the original fabric. Doerfer described the historic standards they are required to meet. Discussion moved to the chimney portion of the project. Laube explained that the chimney is falling in on the inside and can't be repaired as it can't be brought to code. The commission discussed possible ways to stabilize and protect the chimney and Culbertson suggested seeing if the chimney/fireplace can be saved below the damage. **Motion to table the application by Culbertson, seconded by Sacker. Motion Carried.**

8. Discussion Items:

A. Preservation Hero 2022

9. Correspondence, Comments and Concerns.

A. CAMP Announcement

Spranger mentioned an upcoming learning opportunity being offered by the Wisconsin State Historic Preservation Office. Details are pending.

B. Heavy Trucks Driving on Brick Road on Main St

Discuss for possible vote at next meeting.

C. Historic Home Obligations

Lewis discussed the obligations that come with owning a historic home and how to educate owners.

10. Next Meeting Date: February 16, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m.

11. Motion to Adjourn by Sacker, seconded by Christens. Motion carried.